

Welcome To The Borough of

# *Wind Gap*



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# BOROUGH DIRECTORY

## WIND GAP BOROUGH

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Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Borough Office is closed Saturday & Sunday

### MAYOR JAMES SHOEMAKER

#### COUNCILMEN:

David Hess, President	Jonathan Faust
Alexander Cortezzo III,	Kerry Gassler
Vice President	David Valley
Anthony Curcio	Jeffrey Yob
Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator	
Debra Harbison, Administrative Assistant	

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Patricia E. Sutter – 610-863-6639

#### EARNED INCOME TAX AND LOCAL SERVICES TAX COLLECTOR –

Keystone Collections Group – 1-888-519-3897

**WIND GAP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – 610-863-7770**

### WIND GAP BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

**BOROUGH COUNCIL** - First Monday and Third Tuesday  
of every month at 7:00 P.M.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – First Thursday of every  
month at 7:00 P.M., As Needed

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** – First Wednesday of every  
month at 7:00 P.M., As Needed

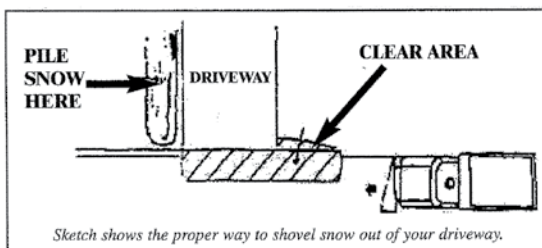
**SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION** – The  
Commission is comprised of a primary representative and  
an alternate representative from each member municipality  
(Wind Gap Borough, Pen Argyl Borough, and Plainfield  
Township). Mayor James Shoemaker is currently the  
primary representative and Council President David Hess is  
the alternate representative.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Once again, winter is upon us. Thank you for your cooperation and patience throughout the whole year, not just through the winter months. Wind Gap Street Department would like to remind everyone of our “Plowing Procedures and Policies”.

As you are already aware, during a snow storm, it is necessary to plow the same road several times. Please be patient when you see only one pass by and know that we will return when the snow subsides or stops. At that time, the roads will be cleared and intersections cleaned from curb to curb. Take this into consideration when clearing mailboxes out.

Below is a diagram of how to clear driveways and mailboxes properly. This will make both of our tasks easier with less frustration for residents and the street workers.



- Eliminate snow piles at the property entrance whenever possible. High accumulations of snow can obstruct the vision of motorists, posing a safety hazard.
- Do not push snow onto roadways at any time. This creates hazardous conditions for all vehicles.

### WIND GAP BOROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 425 - Enacted July 17, 2001

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF AND THE PARKING OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES ON STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH  
DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES, DURING SNOW AND ICE  
STORMS, AND DURING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND/OR  
ICE FROM BOROUGH STREETS.

The Mayor of the Borough of Wind Gap, in the sole exercise of his or her discretion, shall declare a Snow Emergency if the actual or expected precipitation of snow, ice, freezing rain, or other weather conditions will create a hazardous or dangerous condition on the streets of the Borough of Wind Gap.

All Snow Emergencies declared by the Mayor shall continue until such time as he or she shall declare the Snow Emergency terminated, and the termination of the Snow Emergency by the Mayor shall be given to the public through the use of the media forms.

After the declaration of a Snow Emergency, no person shall operate any vehicle or any nature without chains or snow tires on any Snow

Emergency Route. Within two (2) hours after the declaration of the Snow Emergency, no person shall park or permit to remain parked any vehicle on a Snow Emergency Route.

Wind Gap Borough has designated Route 512 and posted the Snow Emergency Routes with signs in accordance with “PennDot” requirements:

#### SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE SNOW TIRES OR CHAINS REQUIRED NO PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED

Penalties for Violations - Unless another penalty is expressly provided by the Vehicle Code, every person convicted of a violation of a provision of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty or One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution.

**SNOW EMERGENCIES ARE ON WFMZ 69 NEWS AND THE  
WIND GAP BOROUGH FACEBOOK PAGE.**



## WIND GAP FIRE COMPANY

549 EAST WEST STREET  
WIND GAP, PA 18091  
BUSINESS OFFICE; 610-863-9786

Wind Gap Fire Company plans to construct a new Fire Social Hall at 111 North Broadway which is the current site of the old Fire Station. The Fire Company retained the services of Nucor Management as the consultant to design the new building. The Fire Company secured a construction loan for the building and Wind Gap Auxiliary will contribute money from their savings to fund the Social Hall's kitchen. The new Social Hall will host Friday night Bingo, fund raising events, entertainment and will also be available to rent for private events.

Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Company has been proudly serving Wind Gap Borough and the surrounding area since March 28, 1921. We currently receive and provide mutual aid to the surrounding townships and boroughs, including Pen Argyl Borough, Ross Township, Hamilton Township, Bushkill Township, Plainfield Township, Nazareth Borough and many more.

Our mission is to protect lives and property of our community through Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression, Education, Planning, Inspections, and focusing on the best Safety Practices.

Firefighting is expensive. In the past 30 years, the costs for key pieces of equipment have jumped more than fivefold. The time and training to become a certified firefighter have increased. Not



surprisingly, a growing number of localities are confronting a significant decline in volunteer firefighters. Volunteer fire fighters spend 60 percent or more of their available hours on fund raising activities. The Wind Gap Fire Company anticipates that a new, energy efficient, handicap accessible social hall will increase attendance for weekly Bingo, which is the leading fund raiser for the Wind Gap Auxiliary.

For 96 years, a volunteer fire company has served this community. The men and women who volunteer their time are community minded people who answer help calls as firemen, fire police and auxiliary in all kinds of weather, all hours, day and night.

**WIND GAP FIRE COMPANY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

No Taxpayer money will be used to offset the cost of construction of this building. This project **will be privately** funded by the Wind Gap Fire Company and their Auxiliary.

## PPL: Don't Fall for Scammers

Phone callers who impersonate PPL Electric Utilities give themselves away by doing two things the utility doesn't.

They claim they'll cut off power immediately if they don't get paid, and they pressure you to pay them by buying prepaid cards. (In real life, PPL gives plenty of notice when there's a possible risk of shutoff, and they don't pressure anyone to use specific payment methods.)

You can always check your account status by logging on at [pp/electric.com](http://pp/electric.com) or calling PPL at 1-800-DIAL-PPL. If you get a suspicious or threatening call that claims to come from another company-like a utility or a bank-do the same thing: Hang up and contact the company directly using a trusted method, like the phone number on your monthly statement.

At PPL, service termination always is a last resort. When it does occur, it is preceded by a formal notification process that involves a letter and phone call as well as a posting at the address in question. PPL Electric Utilities attempts to work with all customers to help ensure uninterrupted service.

Carol Obando-Derstline I Regional Affairs Director, PPL Electric Utilities

Phone: (610) 774-52491 [CObando-Derstine@pplweb.com](mailto:CObando-Derstine@pplweb.com)



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# Wind Gap Borough Curbside Trash Collection

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**T** - Trash Collection every week **T** - Trash Collection every week with Recycling **R** - Indicates Holiday

## Trash Curbside Collection

Your waste will be collected curbside each Friday except after Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Christmas and New Year's Day when collections will occur on Saturday.

## Recycling Curbside Collection

Recycling collection will occur every other Friday.



How may we help you?

Grand Central Landfill and Hauling want you to know that we offer a 24/7 Community Line that local residents can call with questions regarding their curbside pick-up or leave comments or questions about the landfill and its operations. Our neighbors can call us anytime.

1-888-373-2917



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[www.facebook.com/grandcentralenvironmentaleducationcenter](https://www.facebook.com/grandcentralenvironmentaleducationcenter)



## Single Stream Recycling Collection

All recyclables may be placed in the same recycling container and put out for collection every other Friday.

### What Wind Gap Borough Can Recycle

These items may be placed in the container for single-stream recycling

- Plastics: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
- Glass: bottles and jars
- Metal: bi-metal, aluminum or tin cans
- Paper: newsprint, small cardboard boxes (shoe, gift, cereal boxes), magazines, phone books, envelopes, junk mail
- Cartons: Milk, cream, wine, juice, broth, egg substitutes
- Corrugated cardboard: please cut or flatten boxes



These items are not accepted for recycling

- Plastics: any plastic that is not marked with 1 to 7 in recycling symbol, toys, garden hoses, pool covers, bowling balls
- Glass: mirrors, plate glass, drinking glasses, glass cookware
- Electronics: TV's, microwave ovens, appliances
- Styrofoam, propane tanks, tires
- Any soiled or greasy paper or cardboard, including pizza boxes

Waste Management will not collect yard waste, grass, televisions, computer equipment, appliances containing refrigerants, construction debris and hazardous waste. Our company also will not collect any liquid waste, including paint. If you have paint you no longer need, attempt to give it to someone who can use it. Otherwise, before placing out for the trash collection allow the paint to dry out or add cat litter or sand to the paint so that is no longer liquid.

### Recycling Options

Recycle automotive batteries and used motor oil through a service station or car parts supplier. Recycle dry-cell batteries, CFL light bulbs, electronics and safely dispose of used syringes using Waste Management's for-a-fee, order-from-home services available through [www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com)

Also visit [www.recyclerightrecycleoften.com](http://www.recyclerightrecycleoften.com) website to learn more about recycling.

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## SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Slate Belt Regional Police Department has placed a permanent “prescription medication drop box” at police department headquarters for citizens to safely dispose of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Did you know that

- 70% of people who abuse prescription pain relievers get them from friends or relatives
- 1 in 5 high school students have abused prescription drugs
- EPA studies have detected pharmaceutical drugs in our water supply and landfills

Medicines play an important role in treating certain health conditions and diseases, but they must be disposed of with care to avoid harming the environment. Medicine Collection Sites:

- Protect the environment by keeping medication out of the waterways and landfills
- Prevent overdoses and errors
- Keep drugs away from children

The drop-box is anonymous; no questions or requests for identification will be made by law enforcement personnel. Bring your expired, unused, or unwanted medication to Slate Belt Regional Police Department Headquarters at 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth (Plainfield Township) for proper disposal. Drugs must be in a container such as a pill bottle, box, blister pack, or zip lock bag. Leave liquid medications in their original containers. No needles, aerosols, or biohazard materials may be deposited. Do not put medical equipment, batteries, syringes, or other biohazard waste into the drop-off boxes.

Accepted medications are:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Tablets and capsules
- Liquid medications in their original containers (i.e. cough syrups, cold medicines)
- Prescription patches
- Medical creams/ointments
- Vitamins
- Nasal sprays
- Pet medicines



Slate Belt Regional Police Department Drug “Take Back” Box

## Annual Wind Gap Christmas and Tree Lighting Program

*Keeping the Christmas Story Alive*

**Sunday, November 26**  
**Wind Gap Park**



*Food and Fellowship*

*Christmas Program*

*Featuring: Pen Argyl High School Band*

*3:00 Santa*

*Gifts*

*'Twas the Night Before Christmas*

*The Christmas Story*

*Christmas Thoughts*

*Turning on the Christmas tree lights*



# Grand Central Landfill Presents

# Chili Cookoff

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cookoff Fundraiser

Supporting Local Non-Profit Organizations



**November 11, 2017 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

(Rain Date: November 12, 2017 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

## Judge the Chili!

- \$5 Admission gets chili samples and soft drink
- Judging from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. or when chili runs out
- Proceeds benefit participating organizations
- Vote for your favorite!



## Jackpots!

Participating non-profits will compete to win your vote!

- People's Choice Award: \$750
- Grand Prize for Best Overall Chili: \$1250

**Music and Activities for Kids and Adults!**

**Family Games! Giveaways and Door Prizes!**

See "Big Landfill Machines" Up Close and Take a Landfill Tour

**Bake Sale Items, Chips and Other Items for Purchase**

**Parking at the Grand Central Landfill Main Office**

**910 W Pennsylvania Ave Pen Argyl, PA 18072**

For More information: Contact Adrienne Fors [afors1@wm.com](mailto:afors1@wm.com) or call 585-472-2075





Slate Belt Rising (SBR) is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt communities. By leveraging the unique history, architecture, and culture of each municipality into a regional approach, SBR will use a Neighborhood Partnership Plan to foster comprehensive community and economic development. While SR specifically targets the boroughs of Bangor, Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, and Portland, some initiatives promote development and the coordination of services for the entire region.

The mission of Slate Belt Rising (SBR), a program of Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV) is to galvanize the boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland to capitalize on their shared heritage and traditions, the natural beauty of the Slate Belt, and the commercial potential provided by the proximity to major roadways in order to increase economic opportunity in the region, reduce poverty, eliminate blight, and improve the overall quality of life.

SBR will work toward five major inter-connected objectives to revitalize the Slate Belt's boroughs of Bangor, Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, and Portland. These comprehensive priority areas include:

- Vibrant Economic Climate
- Regional Cooperation
- Neighborhoods and Housing
- Youth Engagement
- Sustainable Slate Belt Rising



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# About Our Community

	Northampton County	Bangor	Wind Gap	Pen Argyl	Portland
Population	299,225	5,256	2,724	3,576	523
Median Household Income	\$61,041	\$47,349	\$32,106	\$55,094	\$45,250
Poverty Rate	9.8%	12.1%	10.7%	10.9%	21%
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	11.4%	5.8%	11.7%	16.1%
Senior Citizens with a Disability	35.4%	41.2%	59.6%	39.9%	67.4%
Occupied Housing Units	93.4%	94.3%	93.3%	86.7%	97.3%
Percent Owner-Occupied Housing Units	72.3%	54.7%	48.8%	58.6%	75.9%
Property Value under \$150,000	25.7%	47.6%	37.4%	63.4%	40.2%
Percent of Houses Built before 1939	27.9%	65.8%	22.2%	74.8%	73.4%
Percent that Moved since 2010	19%	27%	24.2%	18.4%	18.1%
Percent without High School Education	10.5%	12.7%	13.7%	15.6%	6.1%
Receive SSI	5%	3.7%	3.3%	7.4%	13.4%
Receive Cash Assistance	3%	1.5%	3.3%	3.4%	3.7%
Receive SNAP	10%	10.2%	8.7%	9.1%	17.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates 2010-2014

## Wind Gap Municipal Authority Sanitary Sewer System Users

### DO NOT CONNECT SUMP PUMPS TO SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM!

If you have a sump pump in your basement make sure it is not connected to the sanitary sewer system. The Wind Gap Municipal Authority has a permit from Pennsylvania DEP for collection, treatment and discharge of treated sanitary waste water. This permit specifically prohibits collection of clear water or non-sanitary waste water such as sump pump discharges and requires the Authority to eliminate clear water from the sanitary sewer system. Clear water reduces collection and treatment capacity available for sanitary waste and reduces overall treatment levels which negatively affect our environment. If you have questions or want help in eliminating clear water discharges from the sanitary sewer system please contact the Plant Supervisor, Terry L. Miklas, Sr. at 610-863-9266.



### Wind Gap Municipal Authority Building Sewer Inspection

The Authority has been identifying the worst of the main lines and replacing them as fast as we can. Our last project was North Broadway which was a replacement of 1,520 feet of new plastic sewer main. Since 1993 the Authority has replaced 28,770 linear feet of plastic lines. This replacement of lines has led the Authority to discover many building sewers that have failed. These building sewers are the responsibility of the property owner. Just as a roof is maintained, the building sewer must be maintained. The Authority is in the process of implementing a new rule that will require testing of the building sewer upon the sale of the property and other situations. If the testing does not pass, the building sewer must be replaced. For further information see our website [windgapmunicipal.com](http://windgapmunicipal.com), call our administrator at 610-863-7770 or attend our monthly meetings. Thank you in advance for your cooperation so that we can better serve all customers and keep treatment cost down.

### Credit Card Payments for Sewer Bills

The Wind Gap Municipal Authority will accept VISA, MasterCard and Discover credit and debit cards only at the 16 South Broadway, Wind Gap, PA office beginning July 5, 2017. There will be a \$2.00 convenience fee for each credit or debit card transaction. If you have any questions please contact the office at 610-863-7770.

### Wind Gap Municipal Authority Contacts

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Robert D. Hahn, Administrator - Phone 610-863-7770 Fax 610-863-5014 Email: [admwgma@frontier.com](mailto:admwgma@frontier.com)

# The Indoor Flea Market *in* Wind Gap

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## Did you know?

Life in Wind Gap Borough is more affordable thanks to an agreement between our community and Waste Management's Grand Central Landfill in Plainfield Twp.

Through the borough's neighboring municipality agreement, the landfill in 2016 provided the borough with \$274,490 in cash payments and provided free weekly waste collection and disposal service and every-other-week recycling collection. How does this translate into borough affordability?

If Wind Gap were to replace the landfill revenues with increased property taxes, it would need to impose about 4.5\* mills in new taxes (an average of \$270\*\* per tax bill). This would result in a 35 percent increase in your borough property tax rate which is 12.75 mills. This increase would affect all property owners.

The waste and recycling service the landfill provides to Wind Gap residents, conservatively estimated, is worth \$20 a month or \$240 annually to each household each year. Add the waste and recycling savings to the real estate tax offset the landfill revenues provide, and the landfill saves the average Wind Gap household \$510\*\*\* each year.

\* One mill of borough real estate tax generates \$61,500 in revenues. Wind Gap's 2016 landfill revenues are equal to the proceeds of about 4.5 mills in real estate taxes.

\*\* This average is based on the 2016 landfill revenues provided to Wind Gap and the number of tax bills issued by the borough: 1,014. An individual property's actual savings can be calculated using that property's assessment value multiplied by 4.5.

\*\*\* This estimate would be most accurate to single-family, owner-occupied homes. Occupants of rental properties enjoy the free waste and recycling collection and may enjoy lower rental prices that reflect the millage offset created by landfill revenues.

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## Mom is happy and I finally have some peace of mind!

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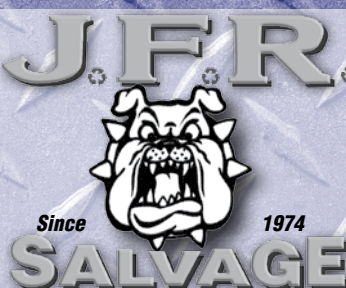
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